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AIRDROP MARKERS
CHINA

1. THIS MISSION REVEALS THE GROUND TARGET MARKER LOCATED AT THE APPROXIMATE CENTER OF THE "L"-SHAPED INSTRUMENTATION PATTERN AT THE SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER HAS BEEN EXPANDED SINCE MISSION [REDACTED] AND NOW CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE AIRDROP MARKER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH MARKERS CONSIST OF A PLUS-SHAPED SYMBOL, 100 METERS IN LENGTH POSITIONED INSIDE A CIRCLE AND BRACKETED BY FOUR CORNER MARKS REPRESENTING THE FOUR CORNERS OF A SQUARE 400 METERS ON A SIDE.

2. THE GROUND MARKER AT SCTMTC, WHEN INITIALLY OBSERVED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CONSISTED OF A PLUS-SHAPED SYMBOL BRACKETED BY FOUR MARKS, REPRESENTING THE FOUR CORNER OF A RECTANGLE, MEASURING 1,310 FT BY 800 FT.

3. THE AIRDROP MARKER AT LOP NOR WAS FIRST OBSERVED [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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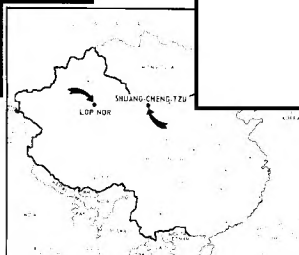
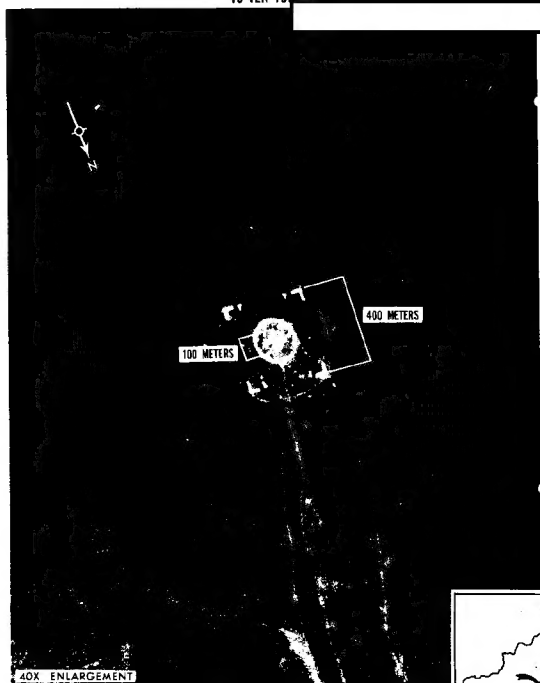
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